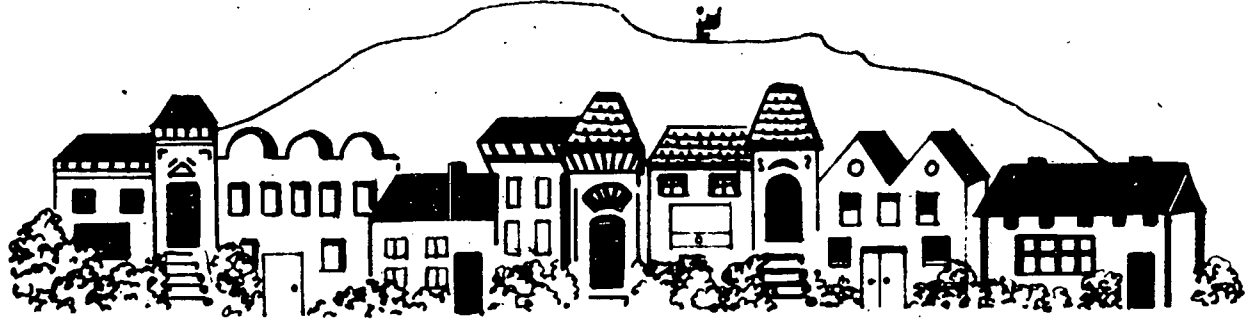


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The nearly-completed exterior of the Coleridge Park Apartments, upstairs from Standard Brands, as seen from the courtyard. These low-cost apartments, designed for senior and disabled residents, will be ready for occupancy this summer.

Hot Housing Issues

by Arthur B. Kalson

The opening of the Coleridge Park Apartments is a tremendous achievement.

The success of this project is the result of the combined efforts of the business community, public agencies, neighborhood volunteers, and the seniors themselves. Although the forty-nine new units of affordable housing are a wonderful and much-needed addition to the neighborhood, they don't come close to solving the many serious housing problems that affect us all.

Bernal Heights property owners have been dealing for many months with zoning, parking, demolition, and construction controls. The Bernal Heights Planning and Zoning Committee worked for a year and a half to come up with a compromise agreement on these issues that would strike a balance between the needs of individual property owners and the neighborhood as a whole. The results of their labors are described in Charles Bolton's article elsewhere in this issue.

The question of rent control, particularly on vacant

units, is the subject of impassioned debate here on the hill.

At a meeting of the Northwest Bernal Block Club last April 11, what started out as modest presentation on the subject erupted into an ugly shouting match. There seem to be three basic perspectives on Rent Control. Tenants point to the enormous increase in rents, and the difficulty in finding a suitable and affordable place to live, especially for families. Real estate owners claim that rent controls have failed in other cities, and that they actually reduce the number of affordable housing units. Caught in the middle are the small property owners with a handful of rental units, who put a tremendous amount of "sweat equity" into their buildings, and depend heavily on rental income to help them pay their mortgages. These people want to be able to recoup the enormous expenses that go with owning property. The trend in San Francisco seems to be toward some form of vacancy control, with built in protections for smaller landlords. As the legislation progresses from the Board of Supervisors to the Mayor's desk, Bernal Heights residents at least have the advantage of being informed and organized.

Residents of federally subsidized housing have had to deal with the Reagan administration's anti-public housing

Bernal Heights Building Controls

by Charles Bolton

On Tuesday, April 25, 1989, 300 Bernal Heights residents jammed into St. Kevin's Parish Hall to vote on four community-developed building control proposals for the hill. The proposals will replace the existing Interim Bernal Heights Special Use District and Building Controls, which were passed by the Board of Supervisors in December 1987. The four proposals include restoration of RH-2 (two unit apartments) areas previously downzoned to RH-1 (single family houses); new RH-1 and RH-2 height and bulk controls; new off-street parking requirements; and a new demolition control provision.

After a spirited debate, a secret ballot was taken, and these are the results:

1. To restore full use of lots zoned for multiple units (RH-2).
Yes: 148
No: 126
2. New height and bulk controls.
Yes: 167
No: 109
3. New off-street parking requirements.
Yes: 189
No: 85

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policies, with not much hope for a change under President Bush. The most immediate threat comes from the expiration of subsidies for Section 8 housing, which would force tenants to pay the full market rent value on their apartments, or move out. Representatives Nancy Pelosi (D-SF) and Don Edwards (D-San Jose) have introduced a bill (H.R. 1057) that would allocate \$437 million per year over the next three years that would be used to provide grants to non-profit groups and local housing agencies interested in purchasing such properties and maintaining them as low income housing. Long-time housing activist and Bernal neighbor Buck Bagot feels that the measure doesn't go far enough. He was quoted in the *SF Chronicle* (2/22/89) as saying that he would like to see non-profit and local housing agencies having the right of first refusal on any sale of low income properties.

On the Senate side, our own Senator Alan Cranston

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Great America Summer Job Program - A Great Success!

by Helen Helfer
BHCF Executive Director

After a lot of outreach and hard work, forty-two young people are being offered summer jobs at Great America! As Dave Spencer, Director of Personnel at Great America said, "The kids we interviewed this year were really good. Many more than last year were prepared to work, and we're very pleased to be able to offer jobs to 42 of them." The night of final interviews, 65 young people came to the BHCF Center, and we're also very pleased that two-thirds of them will be working this summer.

The enthusiasm and willingness to work was clearly evident on the part of the young people, and it was a pleasure to help in this important project. As many of our readers know, the Bernal Heights Community Foundation does not have a paid Youth Organizer at our Center on Cortland Avenue, so this was largely a volunteer effort. (Anthony Singleton, our Youth Organizer at Alemany also worked hard on this project, referring seven young people who filled out applications and were interviewed by both the State Employment Development Department (EDD), and Great America.)

Thanks go to many Bernal Heights neighbors and friends who helped make this effort a success. First, to Jeff Kilbreth, Volunteer Extraordinaire, who began this program last summer, and who is an executive in Silicon Valley. Jeff will continue to work with the program this summer to set up special excursions to other businesses

near Great America so the young people can see first-hand how businesses succeed--and how they can be part of that success.

To new BHCF Board Members, many thanks to: Mauricio Vella, for spreading the word, distributing dozens of fliers, and personally calling the young people who submitted applications; Bill Sorro, for helping the kids fill out the applications; rehearsing mock interviews with them, and assisting the night of the Great America interviews; and Rev. Harold Franklin, for helping distribute fliers throughout the community and assisting the night of the Great America interviews. To Bennie Smith, many thanks for spreading the word and helping to organize the youth on the nights of the interviews; to Mike Noon, thank you for personally delivering fliers and talking with counselors at Balboa, Philip Burton, and Woodrow Wilson High Schools; to Red and Tina Webster of High Society Salon, many thanks for spreading the word on Cortland Avenue; and to everyone on the BHCF Board and Staff for pulling together to make this special program a success again.

For Those Who Didn't Get a Great America Job...

The folks from EDD (Employment Development Department) have offered to do a special Workshop for all youth who were not hired by Great America. The Workshop will be June 19th, 20th, and 21st from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at EDD Headquarters, 745 Franklin Street, Lower Level (corner of Franklin and Turk).

Even if you didn't participate in the Great America Program, or the first EDD Workshop, you are welcome to attend. You'll learn about how to fill out job applications, and where the jobs are this summer. It'll be a great Workshop, with lots of time for questions, so come and bring a friend!

You don't have to wait for the Workshop to get help. If you want information on summer jobs, please call the EDD Youth Office at 557-2979.

Also, if your family is low income and/or receiving welfare benefits, there's a special Federal jobs program (for ages 16-24 yrs of age). The deadline for applying is mid-June, so call 557-2979 for further information today!

San Francisco Health Commission Meeting Dates

The San Francisco Health Commission regularly meets on the first and third Sunday of every month. It is the governing and policy making body of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, which includes San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital. The Commission develops the guiding principles and mission for the provision of public health services in San Francisco. In addition, it has the power to establish and make appointments to advisory committees as it deems necessary. The public is always encouraged to attend meetings.

JUNE 6 & 20

JULY 11 (July 4 is a holiday) & 18

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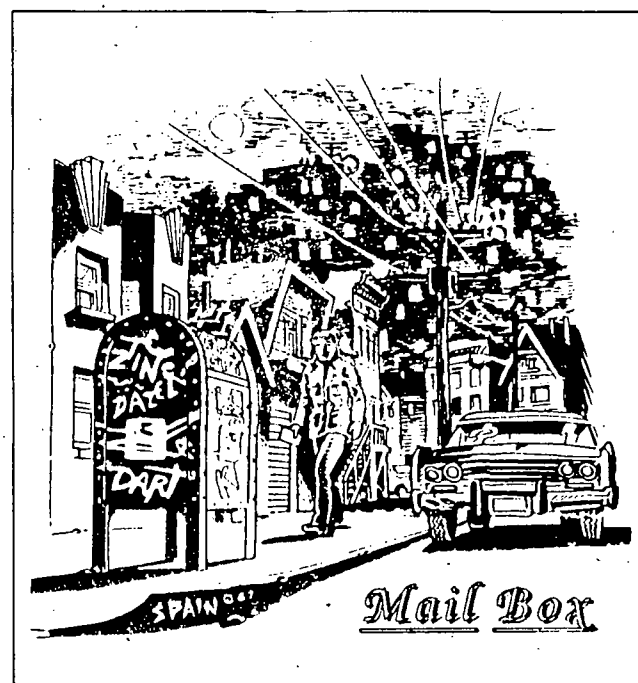
SEPTEMBER 5 & 19

OCTOBER 3 & 17

NOVEMBER 7 & 21

DECEMBER 5 & 19

Meeting agenda and information concerning the commission is available through the office of the Commission Secretary, Sandy Ouye Mori, 554-2666.



Editor's Message...

This is my first issue of the Bernal Journal. I hope you like it. Many people helped me, and I want to thank them for all their encouragement, hard work and sound advice: Kay Daly, Vicki Victoria, Eileen Dizon, Helen Helfer, Smashing Images, Sr. Janet Simons, Ces Rosales and G.C., who asked me not to use her name, but didn't say anything about initials. Gracias, amigos!! Thank you, friends!

Hot Housing ...

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has joined forces with Senator Al D'Amato (R-NY) to introduce SB-70, which is intended to assist residents of public housing with purchasing and owning their own apartments. At a press conference with the San Francisco Neighborhood Newspapers Association last April 3, he was openly optimistic about the ultimate success of the plan, because of the positive reactions he has gotten from powerful conservative leaders such as Jack Kemp, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. "One of Jack Kemp's passions is enabling people to acquire public housing as their own property, giving them a sense ...of responsibility for that property," stated Cranston. "I have agreed with him...provided we do two things, and he's agreed to both: If a tenant buys an apartment in a public housing project, the only people they can sell it back to is the public housing project, so you don't get it out of the stream of public housing. And secondly, there has to be counseling along with the ability to purchase...If they're given counseling on managing the property, and on their family budget, then it can become a sensible reality." Although the bill only calls for an expenditure of about \$4 billion dollars across the entire country, and Senator Cranston doesn't expect to get even that much, he sees it as the first step toward a long-term solution to some of our housing problems.

Also worth mentioning in this context is an alternate bill introduced by Senators Gonzales and Kennedy which call for expenditures of up to \$24 billion dollars to deal with the same problems.

Here in California, voters approved Propositions 77 last June and 84 last November. These two measures authorize the state to spend a total of \$450 million dollars on rental housing acquisition, construction and rehabilitation, as well as earthquake safety repairs. Included are funds for emergency shelters for the homeless, and migrant farm labor centers. As of April 20, 1989, not one penny of this money has been spent. Those of you who want to see this money allocated as soon as possible can contact Governor Deukmejian's office.

As we age, the question of where we will live becomes even more complicated. Dorothy Franzblau of the Older Women's League reports that their organization is trying to develop a Limited Equity Coop, a non-profit multi-unit dwelling, with communal areas and in-house long-term medical care. She points to the recent success of On Lok's project at 1000 Montgomery Street that will provide more than 35 senior citizens with housing, meals, recreational facilities, and lifetime medical care for \$450 per month. Although O.W.L.'s plan is still in the very early planning stages, it does represent a creative and positive approach to a web of problems.

If you want to know more about these or other housing issues not described in this brief overview, there are many organizations from all parts of the political and economic spectrum right here on the Hill who would be happy to hear from you. The fastest and easiest way to get in touch with them is probably by doing what Bernal Heights people do best — talk to your neighbors.



A view of Mission Street from the living room window of one of the new Coleridge Park Apartments, showing just some of the neighborhood businesses that will benefit from the presence of their new neighbors.

RH-1 homes. Other residents, who have been unable to add additional space to their homes at reasonable cost under the more restrictive interim controls, welcomed the 10% increase in lot coverage and less restrictive off-street parking requirements for remodeled homes that would exist under the new regulations.

A number of East Slope activists, concerned about the large number of vacant lots on steep slopes that could be developed, and the threat to existing single-family homes on RH-2 lots, circulated an even more restrictive counter proposal. Their

"Pink Sheet" called for a height limit of 28 feet, 2000 square feet maximum size, and one off-street parking spot for each 900 square feet of living space.

Building Controls ...

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4. Demolition Controls.

Yes: 180

No: 94

The new RH-1 controls limit the height of new construction to 30 feet from the grade, with a maximum lot coverage of 65%. Five hundred square feet of mass reductions such as decks, lightwells, sideyards, cutouts, and courtyards would also be required.

For upslope lots, the height of the front half of the building can not exceed 38 feet measured from the midpoint of the front property line. Downslope lots are restricted by requiring the last eight feet of the building to be no more than 32 feet from the grade and to allow averaging as long as no point exceeds 40 feet.

RH-2 lot controls include a 30-foot height requirement or the average of two adjacent structures, and 55% lot coverage.

The new parking controls allow for one off-street parking space up to 1350 square feet, and another space for each additional 1000 square feet. Tandem parking (one behind the other) will be permitted. Parking controls for remodeled buildings will not require more spaces for additions of less than 300 square feet.

Any additions exceeding 801 square feet must meet the new parking requirements. Between 301 and 800 square feet, some or all of the new parking controls may be waived if certain conditions are met.

RH-2 new construction requires one off-street parking space per unit. Any unit exceeding 2000 square feet must have an additional space. Remodeled RH-2 requires the unit to meet new construction guidelines if more than 200 square feet are added to any unit.

Demolition controls will allow a building to be demolished only if it has no historic value, cannot be made sound at less than the cost of new construction, and if the plans for the replacement structure have been approved.

The close vote on the restoration of RH-2 was attributed to concerns that larger buildings would reduce on-street parking, increase density, and affect neighbors' views and sunlight.

Some voters felt that new RH-2 buildings should be subjected to the same height and bulk controls required for

The Planning/Zoning Committee argued that single-family dwellings would be protected by the more restrictive demolition review process. Also, an area block club, homeowners association, or other group can request that areas not being used for apartments be rezoned for single family use.

Owners can petition City Planning to keep their lots or group of lots for RH-1 by filling out a rezoning application, available at the Bernal Heights Community Foundation and the Public Library. Call the City Planning department for additional information.

The Bernal Heights Planning and Zoning Committee was formed 14 months ago when more than 200 Bernal Heights residents met at the Bernal Heights Community Foundation to find out how the City intended to enforce interim controls. At that meeting, the hill was divided into seven areas, and a process began which was to involve over a thousand people.

During the initial phase, each group developed a number of proposals that met the needs of their individual areas. Next, representatives of these groups met to develop a set of hill-wide proposals. Now that the Committee has received the approval of the community for its proposals, they will be presented to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to be enacted into permanent legislation. This process will allow the City Planners to review the proposals to make sure they are workable.

Two public hearings will be held to enable Bernal Heights residents and others to testify for and against the legislation. For further details about the proposals, contact the Planning/Zoning Committee at 641-1540.

FREE CLASSES

The San Francisco Adult Learning Center, located at 31 Gough Street, Room 29, is now offering day and evening classes and tutoring in beginning reading, writing, and arithmetic; brush-up in spelling, grammar, and math; preparation for the G.E.D. Exam; and preparation for apprenticeship examinations.

All sessions are free, and students may start classes at any time. Summer Session begins June 5, 1989 to July 21, 1989. Drop in to register, Mondays through Thursdays, from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm, or call 239-3008 for any further information.

Youth Committee Forms Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

by **Mauricio Vela**
Chair, Youth Committee

At the Bernal Heights Youth Committee's last meeting held on May 5, 1989, a summer camp scholarship fund was established, with committee members contributing \$175.

Contributions will be used to subsidize families who need assistance to send their child or children to CYO Camp Armstrong, or the American Conservatory Theater (ACT) Summer Workshop. CYO's cost is estimated at \$72 per child, and ACT's at \$25 per child.

Additional contributions are needed to send the nineteen kids already interested, as well as other Bernal Heights youth. Please make your checks out to the BHCF Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, and send it to 515 Cortland Avenue.

For more information, contact Mauricio Vela at 648-0330, or Anthony Singleton, Alemany Youth Coordinator, at 641-1116. The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 1989, at 7 pm, at the Bernal Heights Community Foundation.

Comite de Juvenil Forma Cuenta de Becas Para Campos de Verano

por **Mauricio Vela**
Presidente, Comite de Juventud

En la ultima junta del Comite Juvenil de Bernal Heights presentada el 5 de Mayo 1989, una Cuenta de Becas para los campos de verano fue establecido con miembros del comite contribuyendo \$175.

Las Contribuciones seran usadas para ayudar familias cual necesitan asistencia para mandar sus ninios a CYO Camp Armstrong o el American Conservatory Theater (ACT). El gasto de CYO es establecido en \$72 por nino y ACT en \$25 por nino.

Contribuciones adicionales todavia son necesidades para mandar dicinueve interezados y otros ninios de Bernal Heights. Por favor agua sus cheques a BHCF Summer Camp Scholarship fund y mande a 515 Cortland Avenue, 94110.

Para mas informacion commiqueze con Mauricio Vela en 648-0330 o Anthony Singleton, Coordinador de Juventud Alemany en 641-1116. La proxima junta del Comite Juvenil esta programado para Jueves, 6 de Junio, 1989, a las 7:00 pm en el Bernal Heights Community Foundation.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Cinco de Mayo is the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the invading armys of Napoleon. This festival of freedom and independence was celebrated at the Senior Lunch Program with music, dancing, and delicious home-cooked South and Central American food. Ready to toss her sombrero in the air and shout "Viva, Mexico!" is Olympia Gonzales, joined by Danica Gurra and Maria Rodriguez.



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Paul Revere Moves!

by Judy Drummond
5th Grade Spanish Bilingual Teacher
Paul Revere Elementary School

Paul Revere Elementary School is finally going to have its asbestos removed. It's been two years since we had to move out of our Main building into the Annex and bungaloes because of the identified asbestos problem in the school. All asbestos will be removed from the Main building's heating system and ceilings. The Annex has minor abatement work to be done, but major repairs will be made to the building itself. The Annex's open pods will be remodeled into self-contained classrooms.

We are moving, lock, stock, and barrel, to Fremont School, located on Revere and Silver Avenues. The move will take place at the end of the school year in June, so that we can start the next school year in September at our new site. The plans call for all the work to be completed by Fall, 1990.

Regular bussing of students will continue. Paul Revere's neighborhood children will be picked up at designated stops in Bernal Heights and driven to Fremont School. Teachers and staff are already working hard so that students will be comfortable in their new situation.

Students and teachers alike are excited about the new site, and especially looking forward to the day when we will have a newly-painted, quiet, fresh, and asbestos-free school when we return to Paul Revere.

JUNE CALENDAR

Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
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Regular Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous
Mondays and Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursdays @ 7:30 pm

Ala-Non
Thursdays @ 8:30 pm

Girl Scouts
Tuesdays @ 3:00 pm

Bernal Heights Community Foundation Meetings all invited!!!

Youth Committee
Tuesday, June 6 @ 7:00 pm

Neighborhood Committee
Wednesday, June 7 @ 5:30 pm

BHCF Board Meeting
Monday, June 19 @ 7:00 pm

Planning, Housing, and Development
Tuesday, June 27 @ 7:00 pm

Hispanic Outreach
Saturday, July 1 @ 10:00 am

Other committees holding meetings in June include:

East Slope Review Board

NorthWest Bernal Review Board

East Slope Preservation Committee

Call the Center for dates and times

First Annual Arts Festival

Saturday, June 24 and
Sunday June 25
at the Bernal Heights
Neighborhood Center

Coleridge Park Homes Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, July 19
@ 5:30 pm
190 Coleridge Street

Mayor Art Agnos will be here to help us celebrate the successful completion of this exciting project.

You come, too!!!

Neighborhood Day Care Center Survives Legal Challenge

by Amy Trachtenberg

For the past 14 years, Little Peoples' Workshop, a parent-run cooperative on Cortland Avenue, has provided low-cost quality care for children ages 18 months-3 years.

A recent change in the law, which would require all child-care coops to take place only in private homes, might have forced LPW to close. The cooperative turned to the community for support. Senator Quentin Kopp responded quickly by introducing Senate Bill 1509, which would allow Little Peoples' to remain in its renovated storefront.

The outpouring of support for this important neighborhood resource has been heart-warming to all the families and friends of the Workshop. Because of this strong community support, and a total lack of opposition, SB 1509 passed directly to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Thanks to Senators Quentin Kopp, Dan McCorquendale, and Assemblyman John Burton, the bill is expected to pass in the Senate.

This is good news for Bernal families with toddlers interested in childcare with a family atmosphere. For more information, call 648-5156.

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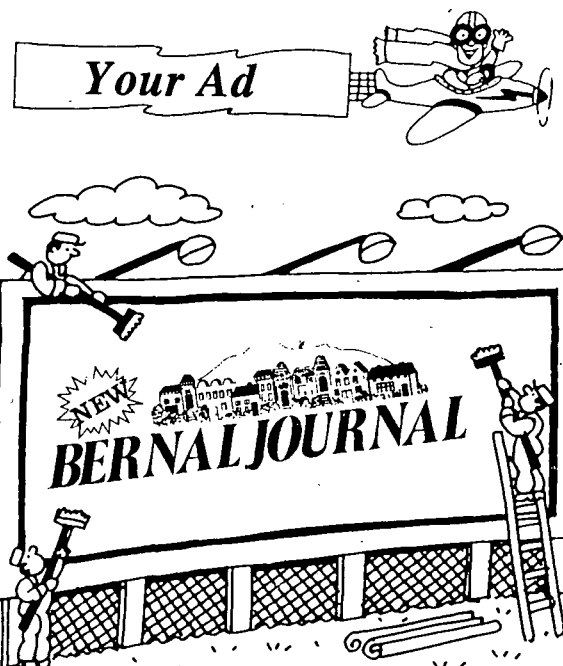
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Let's Keep the "Public" in our Public Parks

Commentary by Supervisor Bill Maher

Over the last few years there has been an increasing tendency to raise revenue through user fees. In general, I am supportive of the idea that users should pay for services, but any idea taken to extreme becomes absurd. The present policy of the Recreation and Park Department to charge for everything is a good example of this maxim.

The Recreation and Parks Department seems intent on playing Scrooge. Their latest scheme is to impose an entrance fee on those wanting to enjoy the Arboretum in Golden Gate Park. By the time they are done we will have relapsed to the practices of the 16th century, when formal parks and gardens were paid for by the masses but controlled by the ruling classes for their pleasure only. Do we really want to regard Golden Gate Park as a commercial enterprise instead of a publically owned amenity? Does a family outing in the park really necessitate 30 or 40 dollars in fees to the Conservatory, the Tea garden, the Museum, and now the Arboretum? This is a crazy policy, and it is getting worse. These people must have marbles for brains!

I believe that San Francisco's open spaces must remain just that--free and open for its citizens and visitors to enjoy and utilize. We must reverse this trend of charging entrance fees for access to certain areas - will we soon have

to pay just to walk in our own park? This exclusionary trend has got to stop. It excludes individuals and families with economic consideration and makes a mockery of the phrase "public park." Everyone should be able to enjoy the Park's special places.

Golden Gate Park is one of the world's great public parks and anyone meandering through on a Sunday afternoon can see the diversity and quantity of activities that go on there. From the frisbee players to the

San Francisco Bach Choir

The San Francisco Bach Choir directed by David Babbitt will present its 53rd annual Bach Festival from June 3 through June 10 at historic St. Paulus Lutheran Church, at Gough and Eddy Streets, in San Francisco. The Choir is pleased to announce that it will be joined by a newly formed baroque orchestra, Magnificat, Michael Sand, artistic director.

The Festival will open on June 3 at 8 pm with a concert of the following Bach cantatas: No. 190, *Singet dem Herrn*; No. 118, *O Jesus Christ meins Lebuns Licht*; and No. 34, *O ewiges Feuer*. Soloists for this concert will be Kristin Womack, Neal Rogers and Mitchell Sandler.

On Sunday, June 4 at 8 pm, the Bach Choir Motet singers will offer a program of more intimate works. Bach Motet No. 1 *Singet dem Herrn*, and Motet No. 6, *Lobet den Herrn*, will be sung. In addition, the program will include selections from choral music literature covering five centuries of musical history.

On Wednesday night, June 7 at 7:30 pm, the festival will continue with an all-Bach organ concert played by director David Babbitt, one of the Bay Area's most distinguished organists.

The final concert of the Festival, on June 10 at 8 pm, will be a performance of the great masterpiece of Bach's maturity, St. Matthew Passion. Soloists will be Sara Ganz, Kristen Womack, Harlan Hokin, and Mitchell Sandler, with David Stohlmann as the Evangelist and David Tigner as Jesus.

Tickets: \$12, \$10, general admission; \$5, students and seniors. Limited seating: call 931-4529 for series and group rates.

bicyclists to the parents chasing their children, the Park is a haven from City streets, traffic and buildings. Especially now, as the cherry blossoms explode into color, the uniqueness of the Park is underscored. Where else can you find a herd of buffaloes contentedly grazing next to a group of people practicing tai chi? Or dancing rollerskaters and nature lovers in peaceful coexistence?

Charging fees for public access takes away the equality and freedom that people go to Parks to enjoy. Will we stop here or what next? If you start charging in public parks, are user fees for Public Libraries far off?

I am strongly opposed to this trend of imposing user fees on public amenities, and I will do everything possible to stop it, and I hope you will also. We must ensure that this City's open spaces are kept open and available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

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A Library About Plants

by Barbara M. Pitschel

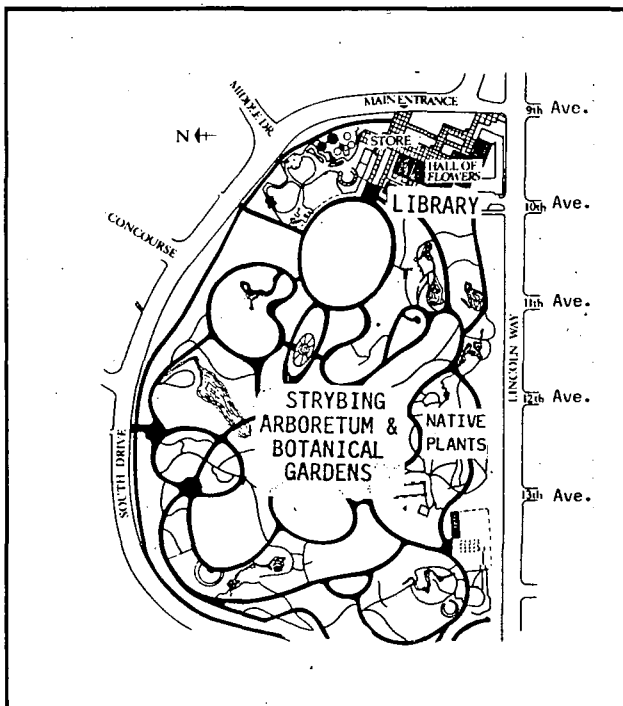
Most readers of this column are interested in native plants and in the preservation and restoration of our remnant open space landscapes. Many who have contacted me are avid gardeners who actively cultivate ornamental and food plants in their small Bernal yards or in community gardens. Probably a ray of hope for the health of our society lies in the fact that gardening continues to be at the top of the list of preferred leisure time activities. With all this in mind, it seems appropriate to devote this column to one of San Francisco's little known resources, a library dedicated entirely to material on plants, gardening, and related subjects.

I have worked as a librarian at the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture at the Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park for more than eight years. The library is open to the public seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm, and is closed only on major holidays. Two librarians and numerous volunteers strive to maintain a resource that best serves the community, including students, amateur and professional gardeners, parks staff, tourists, researchers, and a broad cross-section of the plant-loving public.

The library has frequently been called a "little gem", and it is our hope to spread the word that this treasure is there for all to utilize. Collections include more than 13,000 books, over 300 magazine subscriptions, nearly 900 current nursery catalogues, a diverse collection of pamphlets, 4000 slides, and several videos which can be viewed with headphones on a VCR at the library.

Bernal Restoration Project participants will be interested in magazines such as *Restoration and Management Notes* and *Fremontia* (the Journal of the California Native Plant Society) newsletters from Bay Area CNPS chapters, the 1958 flora of San Francisco, and more recently compiled plant lists of local open space areas. There are magazines devoted to almost every topic, from roses to carnivorous plants.

Other interesting subjects covered by the collections include botanical art and illustration, medical botany (with an excellent collection of books on Chinese herbal medi-



cine), ethnobotany (plants and their uses by native cultures), organic gardening (including biological and natural control of pests and diseases), and the history of Golden Gate Park.

In recent months special efforts have been directed toward development of the library's children's collection, which now numbers nearly 200 books dealing with plants and nature. Books for adults on gardening with children and nature projects with children are also among the holdings.

Materials in the library are for reference use only and may not be checked out, but this means that everything is available when you want to use it. The reading room, with its beautiful view of the gardens, is a very comfortable place to spend some time, and a coin-operated photocopy machine is there for pages you want to keep. Slides can be duplicated for \$1 apiece, but allow a week for processing time.

The library is entirely supported by the Strybing Arboretum Society, a non-profit organization, which works closely with the city-run botanical gardens, and which is

responsible for all educational programs and interpretation related to the gardens.

You are encouraged to visit the library, and to take the opportunity to enjoy the garden as well. A map of the appropriate portion of Golden Gate Park accompanies this article. Take special note of the beautiful bunchgrasses and wildflowers in the California native plants section! If you have additional questions about the library, you may call 661-1514.

We look forward to seeing Bernal neighbors at the monthly Bernal Hilltop Native Grassland Restoration work parties, which are held on the third Sunday of each month at 11 am. Meet at the entrance to the phone company road on June 18 and/or July 16, and bring a pair of clippers if you have access to one. For further information contact me, Barbara Pitschel, at 282-5066.



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The Bernal Hill Sidewalk Astronomer

by Tom Kellogg

'Tis the season for joyful galactic journeying!

During June and July, the Big Dipper (Ursa Major) is high in the evening sky. The dipper is upside down at this time, and the handle points south where the arc leads to Arcturus, the brilliant star of the constellation Bootes (The Herdsman).

Now, the Big Dipper lies on the northern edge of one of the two big "windows" that allow us to see beyond our own galaxy to other galaxies millions of light years away. These windows are caused by the effect of our living in a flat galaxy.

About a third of our sky is cluttered with gas, dust, and billions of stars which look like a milky band. The other two-thirds are the two windows, where there is very little dust obscuring the light of the distant galaxies.

There are dozens of galaxies which are visible through an amateur-sized telescope (5" in diameter or larger) from right here in San Francisco. Take that same telescope with you on a vacation a few hundred miles away from the city and hundreds more galaxies come within your view.

Another regular event of the summer sky show is the close approach of the planet Saturn. This event actually takes place a few weeks later each year due to Saturn's twenty-nine year period of revolution around the sun. It's not confined to this time of year. If you haven't yet seen Saturn through a telescope, make an effort to do so this July. You're sure to be starstruck forever more, once you've seen this spectacular planet.

I'll be setting up my telescope at the Kingston Street Stairway between Prospect and Coleridge, a block away from Cortland and Mission on clear Friday nights, starting a half-hour after sunset. Come look through my telescope at God's magnificent creation!



BERNAL YOUTH FOCUS




RIGHT ON!

by Bennie A. Smith

THE SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

Intelligent youth of Bernal Heights, you are in for quite a pleasant surprise this summer. The summer jobs program has been actively recruiting you teenagers for employment. As you well know, a job over the summer is a good way to gain training and paid experience in many different areas. It's crucial that young people like yourselves prepare for the future, and a summer job is the right foundation for developing useful skills to meet the ever changing challenges of life. For example, the Personnel Department of Great America sent representatives to the Bernal Heights Community Foundation on Tuesday, April 25, to recruit teenagers for summer employment. After interviews on Wednesday, May 3, forty-two young people were hired! Other opportunities exist. Regardless of whether you are faced with: drugs, bad attitudes, or lies, your success is measured on how intelligently you understand the facts of life. For every problem that exists, there is a viable solution. Therefore, don't allow distractions to hinder you from becoming a successful individual. Be good to yourself and live your life right.

editor's note: See page 2 for further Great America News.

Summer Programs At The YMCA

The Mission YMCA at 4080 Mission Street will be offering special summer programs for children ages 5-15. For those children in or entering kindergarten, there is kinder-Y; for 1st-6th graders- a special nature and outdoor Fun Club; and for those entering junior and senior high school, there is the Movin' On Program where the participants plan and implement their own activities. There also is a Fun Club site at Hawthorne Elementary School.

Each program is guided by trained YMCA leaders and developed especially for working parents. The hours are 7:00 am until 6:30 pm, and overnites are planned throughout the summer. Activities include swimming, art, sports, cooking, field trips, and so much more. Kinder Y and Fun Club participants will be learning about geography, animals, and bugs as they explore the beach, parks, and museums of San Francisco.

The YMCA also offers summer YMCA resident camp programs for families with grade 3 children and teenagers. Preschool programs are run year-round at the Mission Y site and at the St. Peter's site on Alabama at 24th Street. Call the Mission YMCA at 586-6900 to have information mailed to you.



A Star Is Born

by E. Dizon

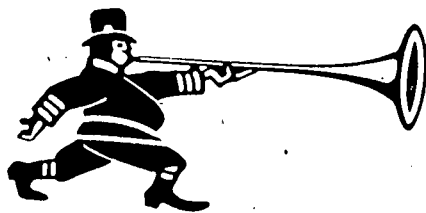
On a lonely Saturday morning, Francisco Carrasco was at school. He was not doing the normal things teenagers do on weekends: shopping, partying, or just hanging out with friends, but something completely different and unique. He was doing what he does best and enjoying every minute of it. No, he was not skateboarding or playing baseball, but creating art--graffiti art. All day Francisco worked, and at around 1:00 P.M., Francisco was finished. Resting on the playground wall of Leonard Flynn Elementary School was his powerful mural proclaiming the words: "Say No To Drugs, Say Yes To Life".

Meet Francisco Carrasco, also known as "Clame", a fifteen year old freshman at Wilson High. This amazing youth is one of the rising artists in San Francisco juvenile art. His work has been seen at the recycling center at Bernal Heights' Farmers Market-- "Cardboard" was its message, on a self proclaiming Nicaragua truck crying Nicaragua's ailments, at the San Francisco '88 Youth Expo advocating for the youth our city, and at the McKesson Company building in downtown with "Get A Job It Pays." He has been recognized by Miss Chin, the principal at Leonard Flynn; she highly approved of his work and motivation, and also the McKesson Company awarded Francisco for winning the art contest at the Mission Cultural Center with the privilege to paint a mural at its company location. This young man knows how to get around and voice his "Clame to Fame".

But Francisco is not just showing off his artistic graffiti talents by doing these art gigs. If he wanted to brag to all his friends, you would see his tag on buses and walls. This however is not Francisco's style. Ever since his first piece in 1985, Francisco has discovered that he wants to succeed and this is just the beginning, but it does not hurt to help others out too. And he tries to do this through his art. Notice his writings, "Say no to drugs", and "Get a job". Nobody told him to write these into his mural. He chose to in the hope that teens hanging out in downtown might get the message or that kids in school might get some inspiration. A small but strong hint to the world from one teenager.

So if by chance you happen to walk by Leonard Flynn one Saturday morning, take a look at Francisco Carrasco's mural and take a look at the world around you. Maybe you will find a way, no matter how small, to make a change. Francisco did.

editor's note: If you are an inspiring youth in any walk of life, or if you know of someone, contact Eileen at the Bernal Journal, 648-0330 and maybe you can get highlighted in the paper. Don't hesitate.



Also if you an artist like Francisco, check out the Bernal Heights Community Foundation's Art Festival this June. Grab the chance to show off your stuff for the world to see.

A BERNAL HEIGHTS STUDENT COUNCIL

How would you like to be on the Bernal Heights Student Council this next school year? The council will discuss many problems that relate to your education and community. Are you interested and ready to voice some concern? Also, we are in need of Volunteer Tutors for many different subjects. For more information call Bennie Smith, at 648-0330.



sorrowful eyes

Mary O'Neal age 11

The eyes of a cat or star
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I look up afar, but what I see
is not pleasant to me,
it's just hard to be,
oh so glad.
As I gaze into the grave
stone,
I feel so very alone,
because I wish Chris were
here.
My brother is dead and gone,
I miss him so much, because
we had such a special bond.
Together we used to play,
and run through grass,
all of the day long,
but I have to say,
he's gone.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

by Mayor Art Agnos

The crack cocaine epidemic that is infecting American cities is not a police problem or a housing project problem. It is everybody's problem. And everybody is going to have to help if we hope to solve it.

In San Francisco we have a better chance than most places, in part because our Police Department and its Gang Event Response Team can identify 80 percent of our 1,000 gang members by name, and in part because community involvement and participation is a strong part of our tradition.

A silver lining in the dark cloud of the tragic drive-by shooting that killed two and injured 11 others the second week of April is that it has mobilized the Hunters Point and Sunnysdale communities to rise up and demand an end to gang violence.

All of us are going to have to do the same. Adolescents need to feel they belong. If the community does not offer that sense of belonging, gangs will.

One of the first things that I did when I became mayor last year was to seek out experts, literally from throughout the country, who might have information on how to stop crack use.

Nobody had any answers, so I convinced a major sym-



excerpts from a report by
James W. Haas
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee on
Transportation

Missed schedules. Deteriorating vehicles. Increased maintenance costs. Growing neighborhoods with no transit services. Rough and pot-holed streets. Broken stop lights. Poorly maintained street trees. Limited services

posium to try and create some. The Mayor's Drug Task Force that grew out of that symposium completed its master plan in January. Work on implementation of the master plan in the target areas recommended by the task force began immediately.

We are putting the building blocks of police enforcement, community organizing, child care, recreation programs, health services, and drug treatment facilities in place as fast as we can find grants and local resources to do it.

I am not naive to believe every young dealer is going to turn in his Uzi for a basketball, but in places such as Oceanview Playground where we have provided alternatives, we have made a noticeable difference.

Ironically, in the months preceding the April shootings crime rates in the southeastern section of the City were showing a steady decline.

Drug gangs do not have the foothold on San Francisco that they have in Los Angeles, Oakland, and East Coast

cities, and there is no indication that outside gangs have tried to move in. The vast majority of the approximately 1,000 gang members in the City are well known to the police.

The police, acting on tips and their own intelligence, have successfully intervened to prevent potentially violent gang confrontations on several occasions. Last month, for example, they picked up alleged gang members at Randolph Street projects just before a rival gang arrived looking for trouble.

But knowing who the trouble makers are is not the same as having solid evidence to link specific individuals with particular crimes. It took seven months to make an arrest in the Golden Dragon gang slaying in 1977. It may take some time to make solid arrests in connection with the April homicides, but the killers will be brought to justice.

In the meantime, it is up to all of us -- government and private citizens alike -- to do what we can to offer jobs, organize, and coach athletic teams, host youth events, and demonstrate by our involvement that we care about our young people and are ready to offer them alternatives to crack.

San Francisco's Transportation System

for the frail and severely immobile. These are some of the conditions that San Franciscans can presently expect from their transit system in the future.

However, such a dismal picture is not inevitable. Last year, the Board of Supervisors set up a process to review the City's transportation system, prepare a long-range plan, and make available the means to finance it. The key component in the process was the 50-person Citizen Advisory Committee on Transportation. The Committee spent the past nine months analyzing the City's transportation needs. It determined that an expenditure of over \$2.5 billion was needed to maintain the existing system and make modest improvements to service; that only about two-thirds of these funds could be expected from existing federal, state, and regional sources; and that the voters should be asked to increase the local sales tax by one-half percent (1/2%) to make up the shortfall (italics added).

The decision to raise the sales tax was not made lightly. State law allows counties to raise the sales tax to provide supplementary funds for transportation improvement pursuant to an approved plan. This process is commonly known as "self-help."

The Community unanimously recommended that the revenues from the tax be used to partially fund nearly 50 individual projects. The most significant group of projects covers maintaining the existing system and includes replacement of Muni vehicles, rehabilitation of rails and trolley wires, comprehensive programs for street and traffic signal renewal, and the renovation and construction of Muni passenger and maintenance facilities...

The plan of projects benefits every area of the City and every type of traveler. By being part of a long range transportation plan, each project is eligible for sales tax funding. However, each project must still go through the normal review and approval processes... Mayor Art Agnos and Board President Harry Britt have both endorsed the concept of a sales tax increase for transportation...

The proposal that the voters receive in November must be sound and have wide appeal. The transportation sales tax is San Francisco's opportunity to take the initiative in improving its transportation system over the next twenty years. It is an opportunity which we cannot afford to miss.



On Friday, April 28, the Children of the Headstart Program celebrated Multicultural Day, by sharing, food, music, dance, customs, and stories from some of the many cultures on Bernal Hill. Dressed in colorful and expressive costumes are Fabian Casco, Daisy Rios, Mary Anne Casco, and Renaldo Galindo. With them is their proud teacher, Lillian Rivas.

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Astro-rap

by Jessica Murray

Don't sign anything between May 12th and June 5th!

That is the conventional wisdom when the planet Mercury is retrograde, and I will not disagree with it. Key decisions tend to be difficult to make during the period when this planet appears, from Earth's point of view, to be moving backwards through the zodiac. For these three weeks, our minds are working in a subtler way, and our words may not convey what we mean.

This is a time meant to be spent in reflection as much as possible, not in linear thinking. Communications may become skewed if we try to leave them to normal channels. You may even discover that your phone machine isn't working, your mail is late, or your messages are not getting through.

Fortunately for those of us who function best in quick short bursts of mental energy, this retrogradation ends before the Sun enters Gemini. After May 20th our minds will be spinning along, sharper than before.

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The Older Women's League is a national membership organization addressing the special concerns of mid-life and older women. It was created in 1980, and the San Francisco Chapter was founded in 1981. O.W.L. works forcefully to provide mutual support for its members, to achieve economic and social equity for its constituents, and to improve the image and status of the older woman. For more information, call 550-1660, or write to us at THE OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE, San Francisco Chapter, 601 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, who feed the homeless on a daily basis, needs volunteers for breakfast and lunch crews. Any commitment of time would be greatly appreciated. Those who give receive much more in return. Call Abby or Lenna at 552-0240 during the day, or stop by at 225 Potrero at 15th Street.

Options Offers Second Start Program For Women Over 40

OPTIONS for Women over Forty, a non-profit agency, is offering a series of workshops for midlife and older women who are job-ready, and want to enter or re-enter the workplace, or change careers. The workshops include 4 sessions per week on Wednesdays and Fridays: "Skills Assessment", "Resumes and Applications", "Where are the Jobs?", and "Preparing for Interviews".

The workshops will be held on June 14, 16, 28, and 30, at the OPTIONS' Center in the Womens' Building, 3543 18th Street, San Francisco. The series is designed to provide job-ready women with the information and support they need to compete in today's labor market.

OPTIONS is also offering individual job counseling sessions with professionals from the California Association of Professional Consultants on Monday afternoons, and a free Job Seekers Support Group on Wednesday afternoons. The workshops and counseling are being offered on a low-cost sliding scale basis. Women wanting to register for services, or receive more information, should call OPTIONS at 431-6405.



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- 11:30 am - Summer Lunch Program
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Wednesday

- 10:00 am - Summer Outing Day
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- 2:30 pm - Summer Snack Program

Thursday

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- 2:30 pm - Summer Snack Program
- 3:00 pm - Youth T-Ball
- 4:45 pm - Girls Softball

Friday

- 10:00 am - Indoor and Outdoor Games
- 11:30 am - Summer Lunch Program
- 2:30 pm - Coed Volleyball
- 2:30 pm - Summer Snack Program

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- 12:00 Noon - Weight Training
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- 28 - Don Castro Park
- July 5 - SF Zoo
- 12 - Lake Anza
- 19 - SF Giants Baseball
- 26 - Santa Cruz
- August 4 - Friends of the Park
- 9 - Director's Choice
- 16 - Sports Day
- 23 - Raging Waters
- 30 - Great America

S.F. Latinos Show Significant Improvement in AIDS Knowledge and Behaviors

A Report From the Department of Public Health
City and County of San Francisco

Fewer Latinos are engaging in high risk sexual behavior; more Latinos are using condoms and changing their sexual behavior, and the proportion of Latinos who have misconceptions about how AIDS is transmitted has sharply decreased.

These are some of the significant changes found among San Francisco's Latino population during a survey conducted in the Fall of 1988.

The Fall 1988 "Tracking Survey" follows a "Baseline Survey" conducted in the spring 1987. Both surveys were a joint effort of the San Francisco Department of Health AIDS office, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, and the marketing research firm of Fairbank, Bregman & Maullin, Inc.

In the survey, 329 Latino residents of San Francisco were interviewed in person. The respondents were selected at random from households using U.S. Census block and tract data. All respondents had to be Hispanic/Latino and between the ages of 18-60.

Female respondents were usually interviewed by women, and male respondents were usually interviewed by men.

Despite the improvements, the survey also shows that there are still misconceptions among Latinos about how AIDS is transmitted. 47% of those surveyed indicated

fears about mosquitoes and insects transmitting AIDS, and more that two-thirds of the people interviewed mistakenly believe that AIDS can be transmitted when donating blood or when blood is drawn for lab tests.

In addition, the average number of sexual partners in the previous month and previous year do not show a decrease from 1987.

The survey clearly shows the need for Spanish language educational materials: 62% of those surveyed speak mostly Spanish, 70% prefer to receive AIDS information in Spanish, and when given the choice, 92% of all respondents preferred to conduct the survey interviews in Spanish.

The study recommends increased use of Spanish language media using programs and materials designed specifically for the Latino population. It also recommends the establishment of an advisory board to assist in the development of targeted Spanish language materials.

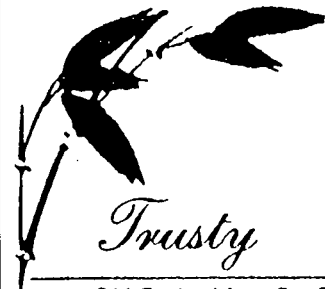
Gladys Sandlin, Executive Director of the Mission neighborhood Health Center underscored the findings: "The results are very positive but it proves that mono-lingual people need education in Spanish. There is no way around that."

Dr. David Werdegard, Director of Public Health lauded the report. "San Francisco has proven that the right kind

of targeted public education can sharply reduce the spread of AIDS. This study reinforces the need to emphasize AIDS education in minority communities, with particular attention to the non-English speaking. We're on the right track, and we expect even better results in the future."

Dr. George Lemp, Chief of the Surveillance Branch, AIDS office echoed that sentiment, "We are encouraged by these results. People appear to be changing their behaviors to reduce their risk of acquiring AIDS."

Gene Bregman, of Fairbank, Bregman & Maullin, Inc., the market research firm that conducted the survey, summed up the study: "The '88 survey clearly shows that there has been a positive impact. It's true there is still a ways to go but a good start has been made."



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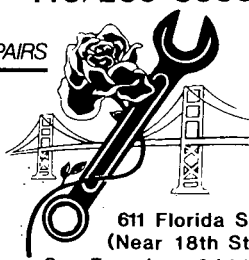
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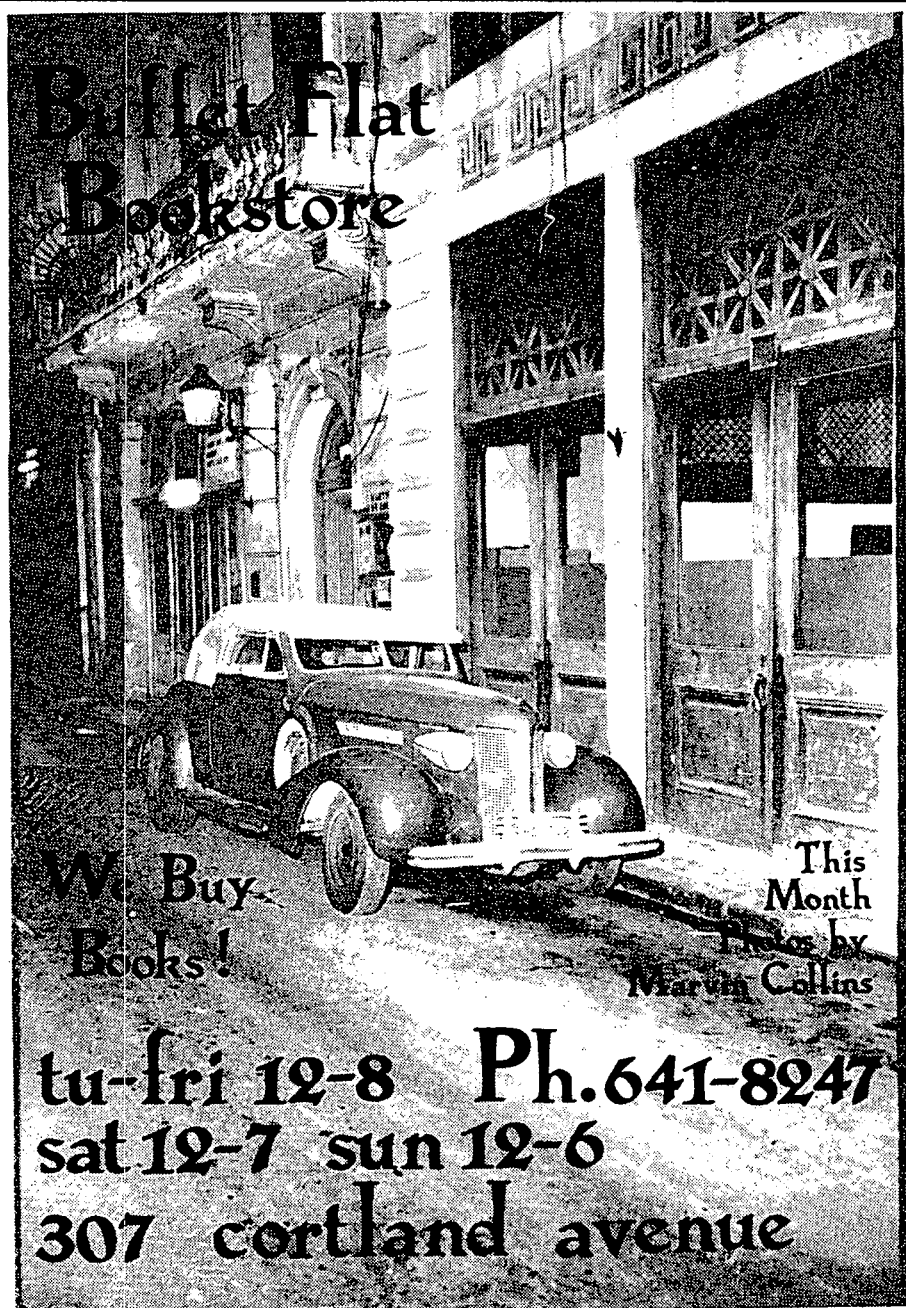
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by Catherine M. Bremer
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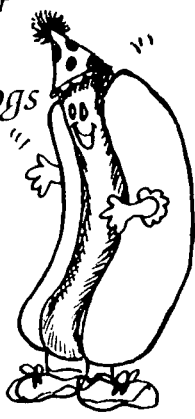
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Tale of a United Neighborhood

by Lynn Scott
A Newman/Bennington/Ellert St. Neighbor

I was relaxing one evening last week, talking to a friend long distance, when I heard men shouting, doors away on Bennington Street. With a bit of cynicism, I said to my friend: "I wonder if we are having a drug war" -- knowing fully that there is currently a lot of activity at Holly Park.

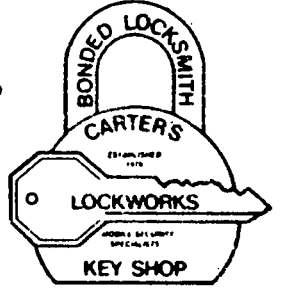
I carried the phone to my front window just in time to see five men dashing past waving bats and broomhandles, obviously on someone's trail. I told my friend I would call him back -- something big was happening -- but he barked: "no, don't hang up. I want to know too." So I carried the phone to the next room where I could easily open a window. By this time neighbors were leaning out windows and standing on porches, all yelling to know what was going on.

From out of nowhere, a guy ducked into my alley carrying a VCR, and on his heels was the howling posse. I began to recognize them as neighbors from Bennington Street and joined in the ruckus, asking "What is happening?" My friend was yelling the same thing into my ear, and so were the other neighbors. Then I realized that the alley cat was now standing right below me, minus the VCR, and asking the same question in innocence. But the men weren't fooled. I asked neighbors to call the police (my phone being occupied by my curious friend) and yelled at the men not to hit the guy.

The police arrived in rapid order, found the VCR, and heard the story from the Bennington Street neighbors. Someone had seen him emerging from a house and put up the hue and cry until people were piling out from several

houses and took up the chase. I dutifully reported all this to my friend on the phone amid the noise, and, as the police led the guy away, I couldn't resist yelling after him: "You'd better not come back to this neighborhood, we are organized!"

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Deli Dining in Bernal

by Gail Corbitt

Corrine's Deli Cafe - 3202 Folsom (on the Precita side) - 641-5051

When I first saw Corrine's, which is located between two schools, Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony's, I figured this was a hangout for kids. Although plenty of kids do like it there, I saw neighborhood folks of all ages. Being a Southerner myself, the sign out front advertising Red Beans and Rice and Hot Links drew me in, and I'm glad I went! Corrine is from Louisiana, as are many of my own relatives, so I feel I can speak with authority when I say that her Red Beans and Rice are superb. Corrine doesn't serve it every day, but whenever I see that sign out front, I stop in for a fix. Everything at Corrine's is very fresh and carefully prepared. Her sandwiches and salads are excellent. (Editor's Note: Try the Wings of Fire!)

Corinne has a wonderful happy smile that just seems to fill the deli. Her long-time co-manager, Fred Commer, recently had a four-way heart bi-pass operation, but he's doing well, and Corrine expects him back in a couple of weeks. Until then, service might be a little slower than usual. Be patient; it's worth the wait. If you live on the Cortland side of the hill, put a little adventure into your life, and check out Corrine's Deli Cafe.

The Deli Pub Cafe - 301 Cortland Avenue - 285-1631

The Deli Pub is such a cool place to hang out and sip tea or wine that it's no wonder it has a large group of regulars. The decor is inviting, with sun filled windows, beautiful plants, and warm oak booths. There is usually a display by a local artist or photographer, as well as a wide assortment of reading matter, including the Bernal Journal. The owners, Ziad and Imad Yaish, serve a very filling and attractive Middle Eastern plate, as well as a generous assortment of traditional deli sandwiches.

This is the best place in the neighborhood for that special dessert. The assortment is mind-boggling--anything from Amaretto Cheesecake to Baklava--and the espresso drinks are the perfect accompaniment. The Deli Pub is also a pleasant place to go solo, sip coffee, read, or meet with friends.

King Tut - 803 Cortland Avenue - 648-2146

This is the place for falafel! Owner Khaled Elgendy's Falafel Plates, which include hummus, salad, and pita bread, have replaced pizza as our family's favorite take-out food. Please allow a half-hour for preparation. Khaled cooks everything fresh. He also makes elaborate, moderately-priced party trays, and does a thriving catering business.

King Tut also features the only hot plate lunches on Cort-

land Avenue. Your senses will also come alive to the sights and sounds of performing artists who will bring their music, song and dance for all of Bernal Heights to enjoy.

The Bernal Heights Community Foundation is sponsoring the Arts Festival in an effort to unify and showcase the wide range of artistic talents in our Bernal Heights Community.

Limited space is still available for Bernal Artists to display and perform their works at the Arts Festival. Interested artists should fill and send in the information below or call Vicki at 648-0330 for more information.

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Yes! I am interested in participating in the Bernal Heights Arts Festival on June 24 - 25.

Please send me application for:

() Performing Artist () Visual Artist

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Send to: BHCF Arts Festival
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Application deadline: June 10, 1989

land Avenue. Servings are generous, prices moderate, and everything is prepared fresh daily. The deli sandwiches are so huge that I can only eat half. To top it off, King Tut has the largest beer selection in Bernal Heights, as well as the lowest prices. See you there!

Jerie's Deli and Cafe--3367 Mission Street--821-9191

The thing I like most about Jerie's is its convenient location when I'm shopping on Mission Street. The service is fast and friendly. They serve an assortment of deli sandwiches as well as a fairly large selection of salads. The food is adequate but uninspired. When I happen to be near there, I'll stop in, but I won't make any special trips.

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Bernal Heights Senior Program

Senior News

Remembering the Good Ol' Days...



Cortland Avenue, 1930. This picture was taken in 1930 at the corner of Cortland Avenue and Ellsworth Street. Cortland merchants decorated their store fronts in celebration of the 49ers (the miners, not the football team!). A young John Castiglia of 19 years of age stands in the doorway to the left of his father, Ignatius Castiglia, proud owner of Castiglia's Market, who lead the parade celebrating the Gold Rush Days down Cortland Avenue. John married his wife, Gert in 1939, the year of San Francisco's World's Fair on Treasure Island. John and Gert, members of the Bernal Heights Senior Program, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year on June 25th...a true discovery of gold!

Getting Older & Wiser

Free Educational Programs at the Mission Community College Center

"Drawing and Painting", "English Modern Literature", and "Dressmaking and Quilting" are just a few of the many summer session courses in the Older Adults Educational Program, offered through the Mission Community College Center. The classes will be held in various locations across the city, and best of all, there is no tuition or registration fees! Take advantage of this opportunity to exercise your mind and to meet a variety of new friends. For more information about the classes and registration, call The Mission Community College Center at 648-5866.

Special Events For Seniors At Your Bernal Heights Senior Program 515 Cortland Avenue (at Andover) 648-0330

June

6/4	10:00am	Sunday Brunch
6/11-6/12		Reno Trip
6/14	9:00 am	Bake Sale
6/16	1:00 pm	Bingo Special for Father's Day
6/19	12:45pm	Father's Day Party
6/26	10:00 am	Birthday Party/Dance

July

7/5	1:00 pm	4th of July Celebration
7/12	9:00 am	Bake Sale
7/31	10:00 am	Birthday Party/Dance

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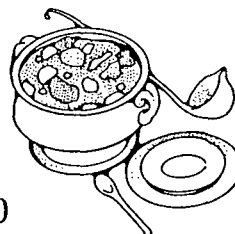
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